(c) if not, whether Government would have the matter examined by a Committee of Experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The State Government has written to this Ministry suggesting setting up of a new internatinoal airport at Ahmedabad. Government of Gujarat has been informed that the existing airport at Ahmedabad is suitable to cater to traffic needs of Ahmedabad for another three decades and further that if the State Government is keen to have a new greenfield airport, it could take up this project under joint venture private-public partnership subject to its viability

Expansion of Air Services from A.P.

2090. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent various proposals to the Ministry of Civil Aviation for introduction/ increase in frequency of flights to various destinations of the world during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government on those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Requests have been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time for introduction/increase in frequency of flights from Hyderabad to Jeddah / Dammam, Kuwait, Doha, Colombo, London etc. Hyderabad is presently available as a point of call to the designated airlines of Qatar, UAE (Emirates), Malaysia, Singapore and Sri Lanka. Airlines of these countries apart from Air India and Indian Airlines are presently connecting Hyderabad with various destinations in Gulf such as Doha, Dubai, Dammam, Jeddah, Riyadh, Kuwait, Muscat and Sharjah; Singapore Bangkok and Kualalumpur in South-East Asia and Colombo.